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Honorable Joel T. Broyhill
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Broyhill:

Since our letter to you of July 9, 1962, we have carefully studied our ability to assist the McLean Volunteer Fire Department, which has rendered such splendid service to the Central Intelligence Agency and the General Services Administration.

GSA is subject to the same limitation on the use of appropriated funds referred to by CIA in its letter to you of July 13, 1962, and the decision therein cited applies equally to us. Also, we have no legislative authority to make cash donations for any purpose.

We suggest that the fire department ascertain, through the Virginia agency for surplus property, its eligibility to receive donations of surplus Federal equipment and supplies for Civil Defense purposes. In case the department is interested in exploring this possibility, we enclose a pamphlet on the subject which may be of help.

We regret our inability to assist the McLean Volunteer Fire Department directly, and again wish to express our appreciation for the excellent service performed by it.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. M. Merrell, Jr.

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Acting Regional Administrator

Enclosure

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<p>1. Attached is copy of letter which region 3 of GSA wrote to Broyhill re Mclean Fire Dept. It was actually written and sent to me by Meade Keller (he got my approval over the phone before he sent it out!!)</p> <p>2. You may wish to file it with our letter to Broyhill, same subject.</p>			
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